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This settlement, if it proceeds, is an insult to the American taxpayer, who has funded the protracted legal proceedings against Microsoft, trusting the Department of Justice to take effective action against a proven monopolist.

To give software to schools is no punishment at all!  
Let them pay with what really matters: money.

Software has no "hard" value, and costs very little for Microsoft to give away, as has already been shown when they "gave away" Internet Explorer bundled with Windows.

And giving to schools, which is one of the only markets they havent completely penetrated, is the perfect way for them to EXTEND their monopoly!

Please do not settle for anything less than a just cash settlement, and upwards of 1 billion dollars would be still nothing to a company whose cash reserves are in the tens of billions. Giving it to the schools is fine, but as cash, not vaporware.

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P.S. Not all Seattleites are in Microsoft's corner!